

16th Annual

Erie Gymnastics Center Team Big Air Trophy

PRESENTS

Stars & Stripes Invitational

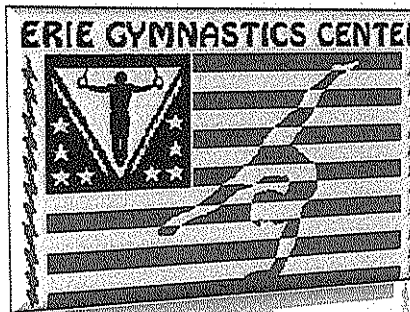
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Jan. 13th - 16th
2017

USAG Sanctioned

**Mens & Womens
Levels 2 thru 10**

Also accepting Xcel Levels



Entry Fee:
**\$99 / Gymnast if
received by Nov. 19th**
\$105 / Gymnast after Nov. 19th
Team Competition
**\$50 / Team— FREE if entries
are received by Nov. 19th**
Larger Team Awards this year!

Stars & Stripes - Features

- ★ Bring your entire team Men's & Women's - Levels 2 - 10.
- ★ Beautiful New Convention Center on Presque Isle Bay.
- ★ "Main Event" Saturday Night featuring Highest Level Men's & Womens Teams and Athletes.
- ★ Awesome Awards - Trophies & Custom Medals.
- ★ Electronic Digital Scoring
- ★ Great Competition: EGC borders Regions- 5, 6, 7 & Canada
 - * Teams expected from NY / Ohio / PA / WV / MI / Canada
- ★ 2nd largest meet in Pennsylvania
 - * Over 1,650 Athletes / 50+ teams in 2016
- ★ Host Hotels— Brand new Courtyard Erie Bayfront & Sheraton Hotel - both adjoining the Convention Center! With crosswalk over Presque Isle Bay. Plus Sister Hotels with Splash Lagoon Waterpark Packages & Millcreek Mall Shopping Areas
- ★ Coaches Hospitality Party & Gifts
- ★ Largest US Flag in PA is the backdrop for this 9-11 tribute competition.
- ★ 9/11 Admission FREE for Police / Fire / Rescue Workers (Please bring ID)
- ★ Less than 2 hours from Buffalo, Pittsburgh, & Cleveland
- ★ Scholarships opportunities for Senior Athletes.

Meet Site:

**Erie's Bayfront
Convention Center**
*(Still very close to Splash Lagoon
Water Park & Millcreek Mall)*

This Year

- ★ Main Event (Saturday Night) to feature top Men's & Women's athletes.
- ★ Judges from PA, NY & OH.
- ★ Splash Lagoon Water Park Packages and Discounts for Gymnasts.

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15th Annual Stars & Stripes Coed Invitational

January 15th - 18th 2016
Men's & Women's
Levels 2-10 & Excel

Erie Gymnastics Center is pleased to extend this invitation to your gymnasts to compete in the 16th Annual 2017 STARS & STRIPES COED INVITATIONAL. Join teams from throughout the Northeast in this fun and exciting competition. Last year we had over 1,650 competitors from 50+ quality teams. Last year our meet filled, and we are expecting another full competition.

We are excited to have both the Men's & Women's Main Events running simultaneously. This is an awesome spectacle for both Parents, Coaches, Gymnasts & Fans. We are continuing to grow the Men's Competition and it's been a great success. We expect to fill the competition, and if so, we may eliminate the lowest levels. Our goal is to attract the best teams to the competition. You should find an interesting competition in that we border 3 Gymnastics Regions and are in close proximity to many major cities. We always have a great array of excellent teams.

We again will be hosting the Stars & Stripes at the beautiful Bayfront Convention Center. It is right on Presque Isle Bay, and offers a beautiful backdrop for our event. There are also numerous things to do in the area in the Winter. We have Splash Lagoon Indoor Water Park (Top 10 in the USA) which is a blast for everyone with numerous Water Slides, Wave Pool, Lazy River, Game Room, and a Tiki Bar for the Parents. We are also very close to the Millcreek Mall Shopping Complex which is huge because Pennsylvania does not charge sales tax on clothing, so the mall gets lots of traffic from out of state and Canada. We also have beautiful Presque Isle State Park located right by the Convention Center which attracts numerous people in the winter for its wildlife and ice pack dunes that build up as the lake freezes. We are also only 15 minutes away from Peak n Peak Ski Resort, offering Skiing, Snow Boarding, Tubing.... Adults can also visit our new Presque Isle Downs & Casino which is only minutes away.

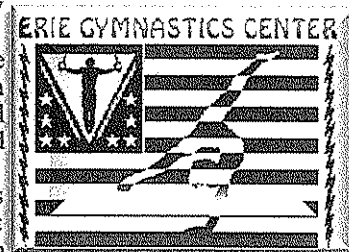
This Meet originated in the dust & rubble of 9/11. It continues to pay tribute to the heroes of 9/11, specifically the men & women of the Fire, Rescue, Police, & Military. We honor & remember the heroic deeds of these men & women, and have continued admiration & support for those who still dedicate their lives to protect and serve us. Many members of these services are present at the competition to support gymnastics and celebrate with us. This year again, members of the Police, Fire, Rescue Services will be part of the event. All Parents who are Military, Fire, or Police are admitted free to the competition (ID required).

Each year we also pick a 'cause' for the event and donate a large sum of proceeds to various groups from Military, Police, & Fire organizations. Last year we donated over \$7,000.00 to the 'Pittsburgh Inn Care Packages for Soldiers Program' and helped send thousands of essentials & goodies to our troops overseas! We have not voted yet on this year's group however we will search for a very worthy charity.

Thank you for taking an interest in our competition. We strive every year to improve our meet. Last year we expanded the competition and filled with 1,650 gymnasts, making us the 2nd largest competition in Pennsylvania. We are 2nd only to the Pink Invitation in Philadelphia, which is as well a worthy and well run competition. We support them every year as well!

We encourage you to bring your Men's & Women's Level 9's & 10's. We host a session called the "Main Event". This session show cases the talents of top level gymnasts in the Competition. The Main Event is highly promoted to the local community so that they can come see a 'real live' high level gymnastics competition. This session is packed with a lively audience and the media—Ohhing and Aweing the gymnasts every move.

We again will be competing the compulsory gymnasts by teams, not age groups, so the gymnasts won't be broken up and can take advantage of the many different group activities available in Erie (ex: waterpark, laser tag, skiing, etc...). We will also be bringing in judges from the tri-state area to keep the scores fair and competitive. We really hope to see you here!



Meet Information:

HOST: *ERIE GYMNASTICS CENTER & Team Lightning Boosters*

Team Trophies and awards to meet or exceed USAG R & P.

LOCATION: Bayfront Convention Center
Erie, PA— just off I-79

USAG Men's & Womens Levels: 2 thru 10, + Excel Levels
(This is a USAG Sanctioned Event)

EQUIPMENT: AAI Equipment

FINANCIALS: \$99.00 / Gymnast (if paid by Nov. 15th 2015)
\$100 / Gymnast thereafter - \$50.00 / Team (Top 5 scores / event Compulsory) / (Top 3 Scores- Optional & Men's Team)

Team Fee waived if entry is received by Nov. 19th, 2016

Checks made Payable to EGCPA

No individual refunds after: Dec. 15th, 2016



DIRECTIONS & HOTELS: (available on our website)
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